

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact – Short-Term Transfer of Water From the Anderson- Cottonwood Irrigation District to the City of Shasta Lake FONSI No. NC-10-02

**Central Valley Project, CA
Mid-Pacific Region**



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Background

The Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID), a Sacramento River Settlement Contractor, and the city of Shasta Lake (City), a water service contractor, have requested approval of the transfer of up to 1,000 acre-feet (af) of Central Valley Project (CVP) water from the ACID during the April through October period. The transfer to the City would begin April 1, 2010, and continue through October 31, 2010, or until the water level in the Shasta Reservoir drops below the 950-foot elevation diversion point. This transfer is part of an ongoing effort to optimize the use of water within the Redding area and is being undertaken pursuant to, and in full compliance with, Section 3405(a) of Public Law 102-575, Title 34, of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

Findings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Office has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this short-term transfer of up to 1,000 af of water.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is based on the following:

1. CVP operations will not be affected because the volume of cold water being released from the Shasta-Trinity-Whiskeytown complex of reservoirs will not be measurably changed, given the conditions prevailing this year. Thus, Reclamation's goal to cool the river at the usual temperature compliance points will be unchanged.
2. Species listed under the Endangered Species Act will not be affected because the changes in the flows in the river will be unmeasurable with respect to quality and quantity.
3. Cultural resources will not be at risk because the water will be diverted and delivered through existing facilities and because this water supply will merely offset shortages in this drought year and will not induce any new construction in the service area.
4. No Indian Trust Assets would be affected as the ability to supply water to the Redding Rancheria and its properties will be unaffected.

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5. The transfer is consistent with federal policies on environmental justice because the proposed action will benefit lower- and higher-income neighborhoods equally.

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